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GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT

EXPLAINING PLANS FOR ENFORCING THE SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION BILL.

Governor Cornwell has issued the following statement relative to the taking of the census for the enrollment of those liable for military service under the national conscription bill, which provides for the selection, under the selective plan, of a sufficient number of recruits from West Virginia to complete the quota of 6,000 called for from this State on the initial draft. The number required from Pocahontas County will be about 75 men. Governor Cornwell says:

"Inasmuch as requests for information relative to the enrollment and conscription of men for the army are coming this office in great numbers, and as the bill has now passed both houses of Congress, I regard it as desirable that the public have all the information possible as to the plans which will be pursued.

"The Federal authorities propose to delegate this work to the State authorities. The President will issue a proclamation naming a day when all the men in the respective voting precincts within certain age limits as provided in the law, and in the proclamation, will be required to present themselves at the usual voting places, for enrollment. Failure to do so will subject them or any of them to arrest and to severe penalties. The sheriffs of the respective counties are required to make arrests.

"The regularly appointed registrars in each precinct will be delegated to act as enrolling officers. The enrollment cards and registration certificates will be sent direct from the War Department, at Washington, to the sheriff of each county and the registrars must obtain them from the sheriffs before the day named by the President in his proclamation as the day of enrollment.

"In each county there will be created a board of military census and enrollment, composed of the sheriff, the county clerk, a physician and one citizen from each of the dominant political parties. This board will supervise the enrollment and eliminate from the list those who will be excluded under the law and the President's proclamation, because of physical disabilities or for other reasons named in the act of Congress. When the time comes to call a certain number or percentage of those enrolled in this military census, the local board will draw the number needed from the list, by lot, just as a jury is drawn.

"One or two things I wish to emphasize:

"First. The men, registrars, sheriffs and others, who are called upon to perform this work are being called to the service of the State and Nation in a time of war. They can not be excused from service and correspondence to that end will be useless.

"Second. The young men, who are to be enrolled, will understand that while, in a sense, they are volunteering for service when they present themselves at their respective precincts for enrollment, only such of them as may hereafter be drawn will be actually called to the colors. That to seek to evade enrollment will not only brand them in their communities, but subject them to severe pains and penalties.

"Third. That this work must be done with the utmost speed, accuracy, and with absolute fairness.

"Instructions will go by mail to all registrars and to the members of the county boards, from here at once. Instructions will finally go with the enrollment cards from Washington to the sheriffs and must be obtained by the registrars from them.

"For the general information of the public, I have created a State bureau of enrollment and military census in the military department to handle the vast details of this work. The Judge Advocate General of the United States army having transferred Major George S. Wallace, of Huntington, Judge Advocate General's O. R. G. U. S. Army, to the active list and assigned him to this State, I have placed him at the head of the department newly created by me and he will have charge of this work."

On Saturday night dogs killed 12 sheep and wounded five more in the flock of H. H. Sweetwood, near Beard. These were very fine ewes with lambs, and the loss will approximate \$500. The dogs got away and there is no trace of them. A few nights before Withrow McClintic had a number of sheep killed by dogs on his farm on Williams River. Some farmers with small flocks are taking the trouble to pen their sheep each night. Dogs are costing this county each year thousands of dollars, and they are getting worse all the time. More sheep are being killed, and sheep are worth more than ever before, with wool starting off at 50 cents and lambs nine cents and more. The present law is not working right. The worthless dog enjoys added protection by reason of the license paid on him; the farmer seldom gets the worth of his sheep killed from the dog fund; and the county as a whole is the poorer. The law, while designed to protect sheep, in reality works out to the protection of the dog. These are war times and the government is urging the farmers to bend every effort to increase the supply of food. We know of no better war measure than to do away with the dogs for the safety of the sheep as well as for what the dogs eat.

The recent audit of the Sheriff's office of Pocahontas County by the State Tax Commissioner for the year ending July 1, 1916, showed a balance of \$4.87 due Sheriff Cochran from the state fund and \$46.65 due him from the county and district funds. The fifteen per cent refund due the state from the office of county clerk for that year amounted to \$267.69.

Willard Balden and Guy Stuart, both colored, were held to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of having forty quarts of booze at a boarding house.

THE FARMER AND THE WAR

Editor Times—

In this great time, when every citizen must do his part, the President has made his chief appeal to the men who live on the land. He is right in doing so, for the safety of our country just now is in the hands of our farmers. What I mean is not merely our safety and the safety of our Allies in the matter of food. I mean that the safety of the United States against foreign invasion hangs on the decision of the farmers of the farmers of the forty-eight States.

The two great weapons in this war are arms and starvation. The war against German arms will be won or lost in France—the war against starvation will be won or lost in America. The Kaiser cannot whip the French and English armies and the English navy while England has food. But it is still possible that German submarines may be able to keep enough food from reaching England to starve her into submission.

If the submarines win, the first item in the Kaiser's terms of peace will be the English fleet. With the English fleet in his possession, the Kaiser will be master of the world.

What will happen to us then? Every man who stops to think knows the answer. We shall have money, food, labor, land—everything that is desirable in the world except the power to protect what we have. Experts estimate that it will take us nine months to get ready to meet a German army of even 150,000, with modern artillery. Under such circumstances, would the Germans treat us better than they have already treated Belgium and France?

Even if the armies of our Allies should crush the German military power this summer, before the shortage of food can reach the point of want, the world would still need vast quantities of American food. But if they do not, only one course can make us safe, and that is to grow food enough on our farms for ourselves and our Allies, and to put ships as fast as the sea to carry the food, in spite of the submarines, to the men who are fighting our fight.

If the war lasts beyond this summer, it will be the American farmer who will win or lose the war, who will overcome militarism and autocracy, or allow them to spread and control the world, ourselves included.

This is no fanciful picture, but sober fact. Many a man will make light of it until he comes to think it over, but I venture to say that few will treat it lightly after careful thought. It is no more impossible than the great war itself appeared to be only a few days before it began.

It is true that we can greatly increase the available food supply out of grain now used in making liquors, and by reducing household waste. But when these two things are done, and done thoroughly, they will not be enough. The final decision will still rest in the hands of the men who raise our food in the first place.

The clear duty of the nation is to guarantee the farmers a fair price for their crops when grown and a reasonable supply of labor at harvest. The clear duty of

SHOWMAN DROPPED DEAD

The Sparks show lost one of their oldest and most valued employees by death while here.

James Jacobs, the stable boss, who had been with the show company for ten years, was walking up Camden Avenue talking in a cheerful manner to W. L. Dearing, city recorder, and when they had reached a point near the residence of County Superintendent of free schools, B. B. Williams, Mr. Jacobs sunk against the fence and expired.

He was a man of about sixty-five years of age and had been in the show business for twenty-seven years. He was noted for his robust health. With the company at the time were his two sons, one of whom will succeed to his place in the company.

The remains were shipped to Fort Wayne, Indiana, the home of the deceased.

The members of the company speak in the highest terms of the dead man, and regret his loss as good friend and valuable man.

Miss Sadie R. Guesman, State Home Demonstration agent was in this county April 23rd and 24th doing work among the negro women and girls of the county. A meeting was held at the church in the Brush at which a Woman's farm club was organized with a membership of 21. County Supt. B. B. Williams was present and gave some very helpful advice. A meeting was held at Seebert on the 24th and a club organized with an enrollment of 19 members. Each member is pledged to raise as much food stuff as he can and to try to raise more than he uses.

Sometimes about the beginning of the canning season the State Agent will give canning demonstrations so that the club members may learn the best methods of canning fruit and vegetables.

The first canning demonstration given in the state for the benefit of negroes was given last year at Seebert where the first club of negro girls was organized that completed a year's work. This club was organized by J. E. Banks, and this year is expecting to do more and better work.

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Harper Beverage came in to see us Monday, and said that he was afraid this war business had fixed the fishing so far as he was concerned this year. On their farm they will put out twenty-eight acres of corn, four acres of navy beans, two acres of potatoes, one half acre of cabbage and other things in proportion. They have already contracted to deliver 40 barrels of kraut this fall. For a number of years they have raised much cabbage. Last season they had about the fifth of an acre of cabbage, and from it sold enough to pay for all labor, to buy a car load of baled hay, and had \$10 in addition.

Rev. J. M. Walker and his family were given a royal pounding on last Thursday by a number of the members of the Westminster Presbyterian church. The big wagon load of provisions contained the priceless things, such as flour, sugar, lard, potatoes, butter, maple syrup, canned fruits and a host of other good things. You may be sure the minister and his family are enjoying these tokens of affection and wish the donors every good wish. We learn also that along with these provisions there was a great deal of cash.

Sam McFarlie was found guilty on two charges of bootlegging on show day. He was sentenced to four months hard labor and to pay a fine of \$200. McFarlie came here from Bath county.

The farmer is to raise food enough to win this war for democracy against Kaiserism.

No such responsibility ever rested on any class of men since the world began as rests today on the farmers of America.

GIFFORD PINCHOT, Milford, Penna.

STATE NEWS

Judge John W. Mason, a prominent jurist, died at his home in Fairmont. Mrs. Anna Davis, of Clarksburg, widow of John J. Davis, a prominent West Virginia lawyer and mother of John W. Davis, solicitor general of the United States, died in a hospital in Baltimore, Md., after a brief illness, aged 75 years.

In anticipation of the federal government, for the use of the hospitals during the war, the state department of health is making a survey of all hospitals in the state and will compile statistics of what West Virginia will be able to give in the event of emergencies.

Eight state convicts, employed in the construction of county roads in the vicinity of Snow Hill, near Charleston, refused to work and were returned to the state penitentiary at Moundsville. It was understood that the men charge lack of food and other irregularities.

After a trial lasting three days the jury in the case of John Paulding, Jr., indicted for shooting to death his brother, Frank B. Paulding, at the home of the boys in Martinsburg a year ago, returned a verdict of second degree murder, which carries a penalty of from five to eighteen years.

Advocates of gas legislation designed to prohibit the exportation of natural gas from the West Virginia fields to other states until a sufficient supply is provided for West Virginia consumers, seek to have Governor Cornwell include within his call for an extra session of the legislature, consideration of the proposed legislation.

When struck by an automobile driven by U. S. Albertson, Charleston, was hurled from the road over a twenty-foot retaining wall at the Chesapeake and Ohio Station in that city and died from the injuries. Albertson gave \$2,000 bond to answer to any indictment by the next grand jury.

The State Council of Defense having received reports that it is difficult to get locally in some parts of the state, has requested the State Board of Control to canvass the situation and see if such seeds as are now available, it is urged that all who need seed of any kind should communicate their needs at once to the county agricultural agent of the college of agriculture, Mr. W. D. Zinn, at Clarksburg, who will secure the seeds within the county if possible, and where there is a local shortage he will immediately communicate with the State Board of Control, which is in close touch with the seed market and will get the seed if there is any.

The monthly report of the State Health Department shows 34 cases of chickenpox reported during March; diphtheria, 43; erysipelas, 6; German measles, 104; measles, 453; cerebrospinal meningitis, 5; poliomyelitis, 7; scarlet fever, 52; smallpox, 7; trachoma, 4; tuberculosis, 40; typhoid fever, 17; whooping cough, 108. Infantile paralysis was reported from Fayette, Harrison, Jackson, Marion and Ohio counties.

After an inspection of available sites in the vicinity of Charleston for the government's armor plate and protective factories, Secretary Daniels accepted from the Charleston city government the cession of 205.65 acres of land in South Charleston. The reservation is between the Great Kanawha River and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. Natural gas, electric lights, facilities of three railroads and city water supply are available there.

In response to instructions from Governor John J. Cornwell, the Mayor of Huntington, E. Sehon, instructed the Police Department to begin a census of all idle men and boys between the ages of 16 and 60 years. The Governor's action was taken in response to the decision of the State Defense Council to mobilize all idlers for farm and factory duty. Policemen will take the census on blank forms provided by the Governor.

Declaring for national prohibition because of their conviction that it is necessary for industrial efficiency, the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' Association at the largest meeting of its history held in Fairmont, passed a resolution directing the chairman and secretary to address a memorial to the congressmen and senators from West Virginia urging them to use their influence in furthering the cause of national-wide prohibition.

The record of the Huntington recruiting district of the U. S. army for the ten days ending April 26 show that a total of 204 recruits were accepted for the army, the number accepted at each station during that time being as follows: Charleston, 55; Wheeling, 44; Huntington, 40; Bluefield, 31; Clarksburg, 14; Parkersburg, 11; Keyser, 5; Ronceverte, 4. The total number accepted in the district for the first 20 days of the month was 316 men.

West Virginia is in a position to offer protection to thousands of elk, the important herds of which in Wyoming, Montana and other western states have been rapidly diminishing in number, owing to the severity of the winter months. J. A. Viquesney, state forest, fish and game warden, says that West Virginia is a natural home for elk, and that any reasonable number of them might be kept on lands in this state which are practically unused for other purposes.

West Virginia's representative women—those actively engaged in the political, civic and other affairs of the state that promote progress, further the cause of education, and instill culture and training in the homes, that goes to make a more contented citizenry, met in Clarksburg for the third district convention of the West Vir-

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CREAM LAYER CAKE	
Old Way	New Way
1 cup sugar	1 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk	1/2 cup milk
2 cups flour	2 cups flour
2 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder	4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
2 eggs	2 eggs
1/4 cup shortening	2 tablespoons shortening
1 teaspoon flavoring	1 teaspoon flavoring

Makes 1 Large 2-Layer Cake

DIRECTIONS—Cream the sugar and shortening together, then mix in the eggs. After adding the flour and Royal Baking Powder together two or three times, add it all to the mixture. Gradually add the milk and beat with spoon until you have a smooth batter. Add the flavoring. Pour into greased layer cake tins and bake in a moderate hot oven for twenty minutes. This cake is best baked in two layers. Put together with cream filling and spread with white icing.

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ginia Federation of Women's clubs. Adjutant General John Bond received an official report from the commander of the national guardsmen doing police duty at Princeton, W. Va., that a soldier, in the discharge of his duty, had killed a civilian. General Bond, in announcing the shooting, said that, while such incidents were extremely regrettable, the people must realize the country is at war and citizens must obey the regulations laid down for their guidance.

A search which had extended to all parts of the United States and to points in South America terminated when the body of Ernest Blankenship, of Huntington, was found in the Ohio River at Ironton, Blankenship and his home were in the hands of the Federal Government on the night of November 24. It was believed by some they had gone out into the world in search of adventure, although it had been reported they were last seen crossing the Ohio in a leaky boat.

Part of the \$125,000,000 deposited in postal savings banks will be made available for farm loans by a decision of trustees of the postal savings bank system, announced to accept as par farm loan bonds which will be issued soon, to secure savings deposits. Applications for loans already received by the Farm Loan Board indicate that farmers will borrow more than \$100,000,000 this year through the land bank system to help solve problems of shortage of labor and high prices of seeds.

Governor Cornwell telegraphed Representatives M. M. Nesley and Adam B. Littlepage at Washington, urging them to stand by President Wilson. He said: "It seems to me that every patriotic citizen, especially members of the Democratic party, should express their severe condemnation of the conduct of Chairman Dent and other members, especially the Democrats, who are opposing the army bill favored by the President and the general staff. Such opposition constitutes valuable assistance to Germany."

Women will take the place of men as watchmen on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad crossings. Miss Elizabeth Oates, of Wheeling, has the honor of being the first lady to be placed at crossing along the Wheeling division of the Baltimore and Ohio. The Baltimore and Ohio officials say they are first experimenting and if it is proven that the women can do the work as good as men, then they will be placed along the division at all crossings and the former watchmen will be employed in other capacities.

Unable to agree, the jury hearing the so-called Rockhouse election conspiracy case, was discharged after 14 hours of deliberation. Greenway Hat-

field, George Riley Maynard, Valentine Hatfield, Noah White and Jack Brewster, the defendants, were ordered to appear in Huntington for trial the third time at the September term. They are accused by the Government of having conspired together to steal the ballot box and thus prevent the return of the votes cast at Rockhouse Precinct, in Mingo county, in 1914.

Clarksburg's college boys now away at school are preparing to answer the call to colors in this their country's hour of need for young men of learning and military training. Some will go to France to help pay back America's debt to the French for the services of Lafayette and his army of French soldiers, who fought so valiantly in the stirring days of '76, and helped to make this a free, independent and liberty loving nation. Others will remain in the United States, and help do their bit, wherever duty calls them.

Operation of the Adamson act and the demands of other employes of the road, increases in taxes, advancing prices for materials and the necessity of development to meet enlarged demands, were causes recited by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad in a petition filed with the Public Service Commission asking for a rehearing of the two-cent rate case. Two weeks ago the commission rejected the application of the road. In the petition for rehearing the railroad company declares that the demands made upon it for development require increased revenues.

Miss Ada Knode, 21, teacher of school at Kearneysville, gave her life for her little pupil, Juanita Whittington, 8 year old, little live. Miss Knode took her charges close to an abandoned quarry, containing many feet of water. The child fell over the brink. Although she could not swim, Miss Knode plunged in after her. The teacher was able to bring her charge close to the shore, where the hands of other children could succor her. Exhausted, the teacher herself could not struggle across the few inches of water between her and safety, and went down to death.

Fully fifty officers of the militia in West Virginia who are on the supernumerary list are without status in the National Guard, and if they desire reinstatement there is only one way in which it can be brought about, that through their enlistment and taking the chance of promotion to the rank with which they left active service. An exception to the rule provides that those who have had military training in college may receive commissions. Many of the best known military men of West Virginia are on the supernumerary list.

West Virginia Must Do Its Part

It is the patriotic duty of every Farmer to produce more than ever before.

Good seed, improved appliances and intensive methods must be used.

The First National Bank is ready to co-operate and to afford every proper financial accommodation, with a view to increasing the crops of Farmers in this action.

Consultation is invited with those who plan to increase the production of their farm.

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